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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

BAPT 223 ZV5, issued 5.2.1994, page 12, chapter 2.6.1. This reference is the requirement catalog of the German Federal Post Office (Bundespost) and is cited at page 1 of the specification.

Applicants also call an International Search Report, issued with respect to the corresponding International application No. PCT/DE 99/03,385 to the Examiner's attention.

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The International Search Report cites the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 5,485,516 to HAUPTMANN, issued January 16, 1996 was cited as an "A" category document (i.e. document defining the general state of the art and not considered to be of particular relevance) with respect to claims 1-13. The Examiner did not indicate a particular section of the patent as being relevant. U.S. Patent No. 5,485,516 is also cited at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,271,059 to DIELACHER et al., issued December 14, 1993 was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-13. The Examiner indicated the abstract and Figure 1 of the patent as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 5,796,815 to GUERICO et al., issued August 18, 1998 was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-13. The Examiner indicated Figure 3 as being relevant.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Copies of the above-noted documents, except for BAPT 223 ZV5, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of BAPT 223 ZV5 will be forwarded as soon as it can be made available to Applicants' representatives. A copy of the International Search Report citing the patent documents (dated March 29, 2000) is also enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to

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the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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